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# PRESS RELEASE

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**RE: UNITED STATES v. FRED INGALLS**

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today that Fred Ingalls, age 56, of Varysburg, New York, pled guilty before the Hon. John T. Elfvin to a one-count Information which charges him with possession of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252. Under the statute, the defendant faces a maximum possible term of imprisonment of 10 years and /or a fine of \$250,000. The Plea Agreement calculates the defendant's possible sentence under the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines to be between 31 and 63 months imprisonment. Sentencing is scheduled for October 29, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Martin J. Littlefield stated that the Plea arises out of an undercover investigation by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the Department of Homeland Security, under the direction of Special Agent-In-Charge Peter Smith. In his plea, the defendant admitted to possessing 144 images of child pornography which he had downloaded to his computer. The investigation revealed that defendant

accessed and purchased access to child pornography websites on the internet and viewed them with his computer at his residence at St. Joseph's Church in Varysburg, New York.

Peter J. Smith, ICE Special Agent in Charge in Buffalo said: "People who think they can use cyberspace to mask the exploitation of children will find that they are wrong." Smith pointed out that "Downloading child pornography supports a disgusting industry that harms kids."

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